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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.*	145th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to members in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	70th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	71st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/543, A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(b) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.38, L.39, L.40).

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme Planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.5/51/26, A/C.5/51/27, A/C.5/51/31 and A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 141 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1))

6 p.m.-9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human Resources Management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8, A/C.6/51/7 and A/51/656))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The Situation in Central America: Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
2. International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking
3. Request for a subvention to UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee of Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information *today*, 3 December at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 3 December 1996

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77
(Plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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The Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs will launch the 1997 Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Afghanistan ((1 January-31 December 1997) *today*, 3 December 1996 at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Round table

Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, will speak at The International Peace Academy Round Table, addressing the topic, "Responding to Growing Crises in the Great Lakes Region", on *today*, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	72nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Informal consultations	
Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, 3 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Voices from Gaza"

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" is presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. The exhibition is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*Third Committee matters: NGO participation*) on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefing

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will discuss recent issues and trends in the disability field under the theme "Disability and Poverty" on Thursday, 5 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 2. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 48th and 49th meetings

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [149]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.14 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 149.

United Nations Decade of International Law [145]

The Chairman of the Working Group on the Decade orally reported on its work and introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.11, A/C.6/51/L.13 and A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Australia made a statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.13.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.11 without a vote.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution L.11.

The Committee also adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.13 and A/C.6/51/L.6/Rev.1, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 145.

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

The representative of Mexico and Coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16 introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that the sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.6/51/L.4 and L.5 did not press that action be taken on them.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.16 without a vote.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session [146]

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.17.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.17 without a vote.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 146.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order [152]

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/51/L.19 without a vote.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 152.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150]

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.6/ 51/L.18.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.18 without a vote.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Organization of work

The delegations of the United States, Belgium, Cuba, Lebanon, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, France,

China, Italy, Egypt, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, Viet Nam, Colombia, India and Pakistan made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

Friday, 29 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 56th and 57th meetings

Note: The summary of the 56th and 57th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/235).

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 50th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [150]

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20.

It was announced that Brazil, Ecuador, Finland, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, Portugal, Tunisia and Zambia had joined the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.20 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 150.

Establishment of an International Criminal Court [147]

The Chairman spoke.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.10 without a vote.

The representative of China explained the position of his delegation after adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 147.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151]

The representative of Argentina and coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

The representative of Mexico, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Liechtenstein, Sudan, Lebanon and Iran (Islamic Republic of) explained the position of their delegations before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 without a vote.

The delegations of Norway, Sweden, New Zealand, Pakistan, Viet Nam, Costa Rica, Israel, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of item 151.

Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses [144]

The Chairman spoke.

The delegations of New Zealand, United States and Mexico made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 144.

Closing of the session

The Chairman made a statement.

Algeria on behalf of the African States, Belgium on behalf of the Western European and other States, Peru on behalf of the Latin-American States, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on behalf of the Eastern European States and Lebanon on behalf of the Asian States made statements.

The Chairman declared the fifty-first session of the Sixth Committee closed.

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

69th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia), Japan, Bahrain, Algeria, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt and Viet Nam.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement in reply.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35 and L.36 would be considered on Wednesday, 4 December, in the morning.

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

The President recalled that 2 December was the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

The President further recalled that the General Assembly, by its resolutions 50/167 of 22 December 1995, had decided, inter alia, to devote one meeting of the fifty-first session of the Assembly to the discussion of the problem of trafficking in human persons, especially women and children.

The President reminded members that, as previously announced, the Assembly would hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 6 December, in the morning, devoted to the discussion of this question.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th and 38th meetings

Note The summary of the 37th and 38th meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/235).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services made a concluding statement and responded to questions and previously posed.

The representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement in connection with the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

(a) *United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait and the United States.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Force and

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Organization of work

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) as well as the Chairman made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1996

47th and 48th meetings

General discussion: "Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [6]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Customs Convention on Containers, 1972, concluded at Geneva on 2 December 1972

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, concluded at Geneva on 21 October 1982

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport, concluded at Geneva on 21 January 1994

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978

Accession: Uzbekistan (27 November 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Official Ceremony

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will host the official ceremony of the International Day of Disabled Persons, including a message by the Secretary-General and a Proclamation by the New York City Mayor's Office on Tuesday, 3 December from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m., in the Public Lobby. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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